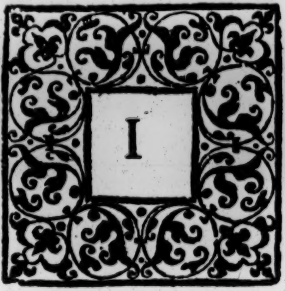# RULES OR ARTICLES

For the Horse-Coursing at *LEITH*, Erected and Established by the right Honourable,
The Lord Provest, Bailies, and Councel of *EDINBURGH*; as followeth,

I. *Imprimis*, There is two Cups in the Year to be run for about the Stoups of *Leith*, each of them of the value of Twenty pounds sterling : And the dimension of the said Course is twice about the whole Stoups, and thereafter out and in.

II. *Item*, the Diet for the Course of the first Cup, is to be upon Thursday, the first day of *March* next ensuing, in the Year 1666. at eleven hours before-noon.

III. *Item*, the Diet for the Course of the second Cup, is to be upon Wednesday the thirteenth day of *June* next ensuing in the Year aforesaid, at two hours after noon.

IV. *Item*, every Horse to run for the Cups *respective* aforesaid, is to be kept at *Leith* ten dayes space before the Course; and for evidencing thereof, at the time of entry, to be kept as said is, must be Booked in the Clerks-chamber of *Leith* : And for each Horse so Booked, the Clerk is to have Twelve shillings Scots. And each Horse that runs at the Cup, is to carry eight stone weight, and the winner, to have one pund weight of allowance; and if there be one ounce more, the second Horse is permitted to challenge the Plate, and so forth successively, to the last Horse.

V. *Item*, each horse that Runs, is to put in Twenty shillings sterling; and the second Horse is to have the Stakes.

VI. *Item*, each Horse that Runs, is to be led out to the starting-stoup, one hours space before Low-water.

VII. *Item*, each Horse that shall happen to ride within the Stoups, is oblieged to round the Stoup again; otherwise, he gains nothing.

VIII. *Item*, There is also a Saddle, of the value of Fifty shillings sterling to be run for, on the first Monday of *January*, 1666. years next ensuing, at eleven hours before noon: and so forth every Month thereafter throughout the said Year (excepting the two Months above mentioned appointed for the Cups) at the Diets following, *viz.* The first Thursday of *February*, at one of clock in the afternoon; The first Monday of *April*, at three of clock in the afternoon; The first Tuesday of *May*, at eleven of clock before noon; The second Friday of *July*, at two of clock in the afternoon; The second Saturday of *August*, at one of clock in the afternoon; The second Tuesday of *September*, at two of clock in the afternoon; The second Monday of *October*, at twelve of clock before noon; The first Wednesday of *November*, at twelve of clock before noon; And the first Thursday of *December*, at the same hour.

IX. *Item*, no Horse above ten pound sterling price, is permitted to run for the Saddle; at which price they are obliged to sell to any of the Riders, if they be challenged before riding.

X. *Item*, every Horse that rides for the Saddle, is to be kept at *Leith*, forty eight hours space before the Course; and for evidencing thereof, are to be Booked in the Clerks-chamber, and pay as said is : But if any Horses besides, offer to Run, which hath not been kept, and Booked at *Leith*, as said is, they are only to be admitted to the Course with consent of those who observe the Rule by keeping their Horses in manner foresaid, after Booking and payment of the duty thereof.

XI. *Item*, each Horse that runs for the Saddle, is to put in Five shillings sterling, and the second Horse drawes the Stakes.

XII. *Item*, the Horses that run for the Saddle, their Riders are not to be weighted, but permitted to ride as light as they may be provided.

XIII. *Item*, none of the Spectators may presume to ride without the Stoups, but are to keep themselves within the Stoups, observing the distance of six score from the Horses that are in the Course; under the pain of Ten shilling sterling, to be incurred by, and exacted from each contraveener, *toties quoties*, the Triers only excepted.

It is to be noted, that the Prize may not be challenged by any single Person whatsomever, except there be another Horse (at least) offering, and actually contending with him in the Course for the same.